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Dear friend Garrison,

A friend at Seneca Falls recently sent to me a copy of the paper published there, because of a letter appearing in it, written by yourself to Richard P. Hunt of Waterloo, ~~written~~ May 1. 1840. You may not have seen this paper, nor known that the letter had got into print; and so I send it to you, enclosed herein.

You are very thoughtful in sending to me recently copies of the Tribune containing your communications on the Anti-Chinese doings. I am always most glad to have ~~them~~ such papers. California has recently been taking some very bad and disgraceful action upon this question; as of course you have seen.

I am expecting all manner of abominable things from the new Congress soon to come together. I do not doubt that the democrats

in the last Congr: took the high handed course they did, with a view to compel another early session of the next. It is instructive to read that even Alex: Stephens pronounces the 45th the worst Congress that ever assembled, - or to that effect; making itself a burden, and a shame, & bringing great additional burdens upon the people, instead of lightening those already existing. Bad as it was, I fear the 46th will go beyond it in evil and in peril to the Country. One thing is probable, that it will give early opportunity to the people to understand thoroughly the men who are offering themselves as Presidential candidates, and so as to utterly destroy every possible chance that either one of them can succeed; and it may be hoped that the democratic party will set the seal to its pre-eminently odious & dangerous and utterly untrustworthy character.

Is there no probability that a public meeting will be held in course of the coming Spring in honor of the life of George Thompson? It seems to me, now, that the best form to have it take would be a single address, to be given by yourself, and in the week of the May Anniversaries. There still remain a goodly number of the old Anti-Slavery people, who desire an opportunity of coming together again, in memory of their long association; and it will be a good opportunity to utter some of the old truths with the new applications which the times demand. At all events, Americans, who love freedom and courage and their country, owe a great debt to the memory of G. T., which, if not paid, could be fitly set forth at such a meeting. There would be no harm, in other speakers following; but there should be one especial Address. The others, if any, should mostly be brief. Pity if W. P. would not be one of them, & "take his time"! For the rest - where are they?

C.C. Burleigh, H.C. Wright, E. Quincy gone yr—
S.S. Foster, disabled; A.K. Foster, nearly so;
P. Pillsbury, not disabled physically, but hers
in other respects, I scarcely know; Oliver Johnson
might come on and help us; Lucy Stone abides,
and is faithful; Jas. Freeman Clarke would
doubtless give some aid. I think we could
muster enough ~~more~~ speakers, provided any were
wanted, to follow the main address. — If to be
done, there is no time to be lost in securing a hall,
and I would do my endeavor to get a little
fund to ~~pay~~ defray the expenses. I submit
these suggestions, without urging them; for they put
the laboring oar into your hands, and very likely
you are not able, & should not be asked, to
take it, however otherwise fit & desirable.

I hope this will find you comfortably ~~well~~.
With kind regards to all yr. household,
I am always truly Yrs.
Sam'l May.

Mrs. Chapman and her sisters - some of them -
would doubtless come to such a meeting; perhaps
Mrs. Child; and their simple presence would be
exhilarating.

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